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Decision Expected To Be Made By Late Afternoon

By WILBUR G. LANDREY
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS 10—The French National Assembly began the final rounds of voting today over the agonizing decision on German rearmament.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France, fighting not only for German rearmament and the West European Union but for the life of his own government as well, won important new support just before the debate was renewed at 3 p.m. 8 a.m. EST.

Before the day is out, the assembly is expected to vote on two questions of confidence which Mendes-France must survive if his government is to continue. Lined up solidly against him are the Communists, jubilant at the victory last Friday which resulted in an initial decision to reject German arms in the defense of Western Europe.

But coming to the premier's defense today, in a caucus just prior to resumption of debate, was the power bloc of some 148 Independents which urged its members to vote against the Atlantic coalition by voting against him.

His vote could swing the balance in his favor.

France himself was increasingly optimistic as the showdown approached. He may well have pushed him over the top, since many have voted against him on recent issues.

Mendes-France made a bold bid Sunday night for sorely-needed support when he boasted by 10 to 1 that the government was going to families for children. It was a gamble for popular Republican votes and for popular backing.

Third Vote Will be on Separate Parts of the package agreement on West German rearmament. If Mendes-France survives then he will seek a third confidence vote in the week ahead.

Probably Friday morning vote against the Western European Union.

Mendes-France, fighting with every weapon at his disposal, will make an appeal this afternoon to persuade the deputies to reverse their decision and keep France in step with her Western partners.

Both Washington and London back him up with warnings. The Communists made an all-out effort to defeat him and Moscow Radio denounced both Britain and the United States for "interfering."

The group includes unaffiliated German and French independents, independent peasants and dissident Gaullists.

Some 25 of the Independents voted against the Western European Union, while the French and German Independents voted in favour of the Western union Friday by rejecting this phase of the Paris accords to rearm Western Germany. Another 40 abstained, while 10 were in the chamber.

Mendes-France staked the fate of Big Three Western unity and his own premiership as well on the votes this afternoon. Long debate over the two votes closed the chamber into a night session.

Informed sources said Mendes-

Report Issued On Relationship Of

Cancer, Cigarettes

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) —Two cancer experts have issued reports on laboratory tests conducted to determine if there is any relationship between cancer and the tars and smoke produced by burning cigarettes.

Their views were expressed Sunday during a chemistry meeting of the American Association for the

Advancement for Science.

Dr. D. V. Lefemine of the Miami Cancer Research Institute reported that he had burned the paper from 1,000 king-sized cigarettes and isolated large amounts of a cancer-causing agent known as benzo(a)pyrene. This substance is a known cancer in laboratory animals.

Lefemine said the amounts of the compound in the tobacco itself was "negligible."

Lefemine said he and his colleagues are now trying to discover the possible cancerous effect of benzo(a)pyrene on human lung tissue given in cigarette smoke.

Dr. Paul Kotin, of the University of Southern California Medical School, immediately challenged

has been a major aim of France's foreign policy.

Britain also has warned in blunt language seldom heard from the tradition-bound foreign office that Germany will be Germany no longer without France.

The United States was consulted fully before this statement.

**Poll Takers To
Make Rounds Soon**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Official government poll takers may turn up on the shoulder during the next two months and ask you: "Whether you bought a car in 1954?"

laboratory tests and the actual burning of ~~one~~ ^{one} cigarette paper in normal human smoking is so remote as to make it incapable of compar-

son with human experience, Kotin said.

He noted for his studies of the effect of smog and other air pollutants on lung cancer, described a long study of the cancer producing effect on tars and paper and the atmosphere.

"We have compared the potency of tars from cigarette tobacco and paper with that of tars collected from smog," said Kotin.

"Milligram for milligram, the atmosphere tars are 700 to 800 times more potent carcinogens cancer producers," he said.

In the course of the discussion, Lefemine admitted that his Miami studies represent "a purely chemical experiment, and do not establish any relationship between smoking and cancer."

future?

These questions, and others, will be asked by interviewers working for the University of Michigan's survey research center which runs the poll for the federal reserve.

You may be asked the questions if you live in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis, Washington, or in 54 smaller cities and rural areas.

Those persons to be interviewed are picked at random. If they pick you, you won't have to give your name, and the answers you give will be held in "strictest confidence."

The results will be published in the spring.

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Five Years Ago Today

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December 27, 1954

Funeral services for Robertson Saunders, age 70, will
be held at the J. H. Churchill Funeral Chapel Wednesday
afternoon at one o'clock.

The nation is going back to work this morning after
a three-day holiday devoted to peace and good will, but
marred by violent death at the hands of fate. The latest
count shows 580 persons lost their lives.

Most of the country is getting just plain wet this morn-
ing from light rain and drizzle. Much of the north central
and southeast part of the nation had drizzle last
night and early this morning, though it froze in some
northern sections, creating dangerous road conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lamb have had their daughter,
Mrs. Floyd Pugh and family, of Erin, Tenn., as guests
for the holiday season.

BACK TO COURTROOM AGAIN



DURING ONE of his many trips from cell to courtroom for the
reappearance of the jury, Dr. Samuel Sheppard pauses with
Sheriff's Deputy James Kilroy, to whom he is handcuffed, while
Kilroy searches for door key in Criminal Courts building. The jury
was attempting to arrive at a verdict in Dr. Sam's trial in Cleve-
land in the murder of his wife. (International)

QUICK STOP DID IT



A TOO-QUICK STOP caused the big 10-tonner to climb all over the little convertible, trapping Mrs. El-
lene Blackburn under the passenger car wheel in Long Beach, Calif. She had braked suddenly to avoid
hitting two cars ahead which also had braked suddenly. She suffered spinal injuries. (International)

1954 Was A Parade To The Altar

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Staff Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD — Cupid finally
scored a win in movietown this
year with Hollywood historians
chalking up 1954 as the year of
the parade to the altar.

Weddings and engagements out-
numbered the divorces and sepa-
rations for the first time in many
years, and the Hollywood press
handled a steady stream of cham-
pagne receptions and lists of things
old, new, borrowed and blue.

The three biggest marriage
stories—also three of the nation's
top news stories—starred June
Haver and Fred MacMurray, Mar-
ilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio and
Susan Ball and Dick Long.
June, who once gave up Holly-
wood to be a nun, and widower
MacMurray eloped to Ojai, Calif.,
June 29. Susan walked on her arti-
ficial leg for the first time since
losing her leg to cancer when she
wed actor Long in Santa Barbara
April 11.

Marilyn, Joe Still Date
Marilyn, a bride on Jan. 14, was
a divorcee in October. But even
unhitching wound up on cupid's
side of the ledger. The couple still
date.

Pier Angeli and Vic Damone's
formal church wedding Nov. 24
was the big social event of the
year. It also was a surprise be-
cause Damone had dated Pier's
twin sister, Marianna Pavan, while
the bride had been a twosome with
actor James Dean.

The rice-and-old-shoes circuit
was busiest in November. Vera-
Ellen and uddman Vic Rothchild,
Jane Powell and auto dealer Pat
Nerney, Eleanor Parker and artist
Paul Clements and John Wayne
and Pilar Pallete tied the knot.

Other 1954 weddings included
Robert Taylor and Ursula Thiess,
Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer
and Groucho Marx and Eden Hart-
ford.

Even two gold holds, Marion
Brando and Liberace were carried
away by romance. Liberace an-
nounced he would like to marry
dancer Joanne Rio in a year, but
he since has returned to his moth-
er. Brando gave up his T-shirt
for a Hamburg hat and a French
fisherman's daughter, Josianne
Berenger. Another popular ro-
mance was that of Debbie Reyn-
olds and Eddie Fisher, whose en-
gagement party paled many wed-
dings in the film colony. Greta
Tierney and Aly Khan had a fling.

Biggest Divorce Battle
On the minus side of the re-
mantic news, Susan Hayward was
the star of the year's biggest di-
vorce battle when she fought to
keep husband, Jess Barker from
her fortune. Jane Wyman, Mrs.
Jeff Chandler and Leslie Caron
won divorces. Linda Christian and
Tyrone Power called an end to
their marriage and the couple
said it was no coincidence that
actor Edmund Purdom and his
wife, Tina, did, too.

Separations broke up the mar-
riages of Victor Mature, Gregory
Peck, Betty Hutton, Barbara Rush
and Gloria De Haven.

In the rest of the "talent" sta-
tionaries department, death claimed one of
Hollywood's most respected actors,
Lionel Barrymore.

Babies were welcomed by Audie
Murphy, Stephen McNally, Ann
Blyth and Edmund Purdom.

SHE'LL MARRY MAL WHITFIELD



SWEDISH BEAUTY Birgit Johansson, 26, holds a photo of Negro
track star Mal Whitfield in Los Angeles as she confirms report
they will wed when he returns from an international goodwill
tour. Birgit, daughter of a Stockholm builder, said she met the
Olympic games gold medal winner in Sweden. With Birgit, for-
mer schoolteacher who came to Los Angeles last year, is a friend,
Carolyn Clear. (International Soundphoto)

More Boys Left Handed Than Girls

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON — It may in-
terest you to know that there are
twice as many left-handed little
boys as there are left handed
little girls.

That is according to Miss Jerlyn
Madison, a hand-writing expert,
who has been running around the
country and writing letters to
school teachers looking into the
question of who is port sided and
who isn't.

Jerlyn, who works for a pen
company, learned what everybody
else knew before the pen people
spent all of that money on re-
search—nobody knows what makes
a person left handed!

Michelangelo A Southpaw
"But," she added, "if you have
a left handed child you have nothing
to worry about. Point the kids
up to a hero Leonardo Da Vinci
and Michelangelo, two of the
greatest painters of all times,
were left handed. And how about
Babe Ruth and Robert Morris
Lefty Grove."

But, Miss Madison said, a left-
handed child does have a mild
problem. He lives in a world
where an awful lot of things are
designed with only the right hand-
ers in mind.

In the old days, school masters
even gave a lefty the ruler-cure
over the knuckles. They don't do
that any more.

He has to learn an entirely dif-
ferent technique," she told me.
"When he is very young leave him
alone. If he picks up his spoon
with the left hand, it's all right.
But give him all the help you
can."

And when he goes to school talk
with the teacher and let her know
his problem.

"There is no reason why he
can't live a fine normal life," she
said.

After all, as my pen pal points
out:

Now if a kid writes with his
left hand, they let him. And the
pen people are trying to help.
Out comes now a left handed
fountain pen. The point is slanted
the other way for the southpaw
who write straight up and down.
There is another complicated point
for those who practically stand on
their heads when they sign their
name.

Some children when they get to
high school have trouble with
short-hand if they are left handed.
Some seem to get along fine. One
of the old time stenographers in
Congress, who refused to learn how
to use the new fangled mechanical
stenotype machines, still uses a
dip pen and does right good
work with his left-hand short-hand.

A Few Suggestions
If your young'un is left-handed,
Miss Madison has a few little sug-
gestions.

Bill Of Rights For Children Is Outlined

TORONTO — Rabbi Reuben
Slonim outlined a seven-point bill
of rights for children after his
daughter, Rena, 13, was confirmed
in the Jewish faith.

"We hear a lot of talk about
rights these days — civil rights,
minority rights, the rights of la-
bor," Rabbi Slonim said. "I am
interested in the rights of chil-
dren."

In his bill of rights for children,
the rabbi said:

1. Every child has a right to a
sound mind and a sound body, the
right to be born under proper con-
ditions, to be given the right kind
of prenatal care, to be brought up
under hygienic surroundings, to re-
ceive prompt and efficient medical
attention.

2. Every child has a right to a
decent home. "I cannot help but
believe that landlords who refuse
to take children are social para-
sites and should be condemned as
anti-social," Slonim said.

3. Every child has a right to a
happy home with two loving par-
ents. Psychologists tell us that
two parents are necessary to a
child's sense of security.

4. Every child has a right to
parents who love each other. "I
remember one day seeing two chil-
dren quarrelling on the sidewalk.
When I tried to stop them they
looked surprised and one of them
said: 'We're not quarrelling, we're
just playing Pop and Mom.'"

5. Every child has a right to a
good example in his parents.
"Sometimes a child seems obliv-
ious to what we do. But when he
becomes self-conscious and begins
to think about his behavior, he
falls into the pattern set by his
parents."

6. Every child has a right not to
have his security undermined by
the over-protection of parents.
"Perhaps the greatest fault of the
modern home is over-protection."

7. Every child has a right to be-
long to a meaningful religious tra-
dition. "A child can be about as
neutral to religion as he can be to
sex. If parents refuse their re-
sponsibility to teach children what
these things mean at their best,
children will get their ideas else-
where."

Gerety made the report in a let-
ter resigning as chairman of the
International Organization of Em-
ployees' Loyalty Board. Gerety
said the board had finished 357
cases and has only 158 pending. He
did not say how many mericans,
if any, had been ousted or blocked
from getting jobs.

The board was set up 16 months
ago to carry out President Eisen-
hower's order to check all Ameri-
cans working for or seeking jobs
with some 40 international organi-
zations.

Gerety said he will step out of
his job as soon as an replacement
can be found because of the pres-
sure of his other duties as com-
mission general counsel and as
legal adviser to commission Chair-
man Philip Young.

New Ike Medal



THIS NEW bronze presidential
medal is in hands of President
Eisenhower, the 34th in the
presidential series, which began
with George Washington.
Treasury Secretary George
Humphrey presented the medal
at weekly Cabinet meeting. The
medal is three inches in di-
ameter, was designed by U. S.
mint artists in Philadelphia.
One side is a bas relief of the
President by sculptor Gilroy
Roberts. The other side is fig-
ure "Freedom," which stands
on U. S. Capitol. Scene at
right of figure represents east-
ern half of the U.S., with farm-
er plowing and city building be-
yond. To left are pioneers
leading trail. (International)

"Honest John" Batteries Placed

STU. ART. Germany, —
The "Honest John" long-range arti-
llery rocket has been added to
the store of new weapons defend-
ing Western Europe, the U.S.
Army announced today.

The 7th Army disclosed that an
unspecified number of "Honest
John" rocket batteries have ar-
rived in Europe and are being as-
signed to "permanent stations in
the NATO defense."

The rocket is the third weapon
from the Army's atomic arsenal to

Pope's Choice?



CARDINAL MONTINI (above),
Archbishop of Milan, is believed to
be the Pope's choice as a suc-
cessor in the event of his death.
Cardinal Montini recently re-
ceived his red hat at the Vatican.

be sent to Europe. The others are
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Club News Activities
Weddings Locals

Shah Straightens Out Diplomats

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — What's new in Washington?
When the Shah of Iran was our guest, several problems arose. First, the State Department sent out a press release spelling it "Shaw." That was withdrawn before any careless editor let it get into print.
Next, the high command among our diplomatic corps let it be known that the Shah's bride, who

is 22 and as lovely as anything out of the picture books, should be addressed as "The Empress." The Shah knocked that one over by referring always to his lady as "Queen."
A dinner was held for the visiting royalty. Flown here were exactly 73 trout from our best streams in the West — enough to feed 73 persons. Exactly 73 persons showed up. The hostess was a little uneasy. What would have happened if 74 persons had shown up. Or if somebody had asked for seconds?

John Foster Dulles, the secretary of state, who is co-owner of a private airplane, went deer hunting at Duck Island on Lake Ontario. The secretary got himself a fine buck. Dressed down the deer weighed 250 pounds. Dulles' pilot, who took the deer home as a present from the boss, will have venison instead of turkey for Christmas — with some left over for Easter.

The new Congress, which will be coming in shortly, will find some of the same old trapping that have been around for a long time — particularly on the Senate side. Nobody has used snuff in the Senate for more than 20 years. But faithfully at the start of each session, the help fills two metal boxes. One on the Republican side, the other on the Democrat. Once in a while, a senator will stuff some of the snuff in an envelope and take it home for a souvenir.

Honorary Frosh



CLARE BOOTH LUCE, America's ambassador to Italy, is shown in Trieste wearing the Gollardie cap bestowed upon her as an honor by Prof. A. Amerino, Trieste university president. The cap makes her an honorary freshman. (International)

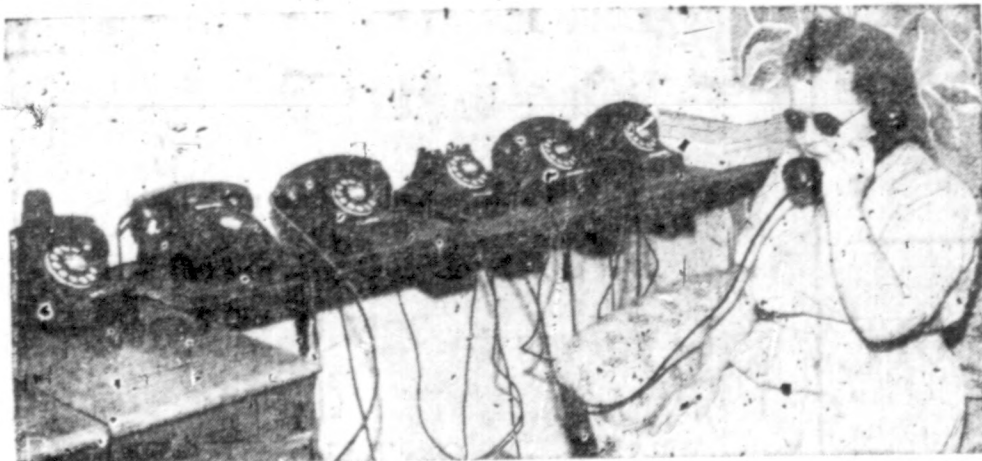
Fire Chief Unhappy About Recent Fire

KELLER, Tex. (AP) — Fire Chief B. Stevenson was unusually unhappy about a fire today that swept a cleaning establishment and destroyed clothing belonging to 40 persons — including the chief.



ACTOR BRODERICK CRAWFORD is shown (upper right) being booked on charges of drunkenness and actress Abigail Adams is shown (lower) after being booked along with him on the same charge in West Los Angeles, Calif. Crawford, 44, Miss Adams, 37, and actor Myron McCormick were arrested in Mandeville canyon after their car struck a fence. Miss Adams reportedly turned the air blue with language when officers arrived, but later apologized. "It's just that we use that language every day." (International)

BLIND, SHE ANSWERS 29 DIFFERENT TELEPHONES



MISS BESSIE SAWYER, blind since birth, sits in her home in Orange, Calif., with some of the 29 different telephones she answers in operating her phone answering service. Each phone has a different bell tone, and thus the blind woman is able to pick up the one which is ringing. Clients of the service, which she calls "The Alert," include 11 doctors, an oxygen service firm, and a taxi company whose dispatcher doesn't work at night. Miss Sawyer gives 24-hour service. She has been in the business seven years. (International)

Engagement Announced



Miss Janice Boyd Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baty Crawford of Murray announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Boyd, to Mr. Alan Walter McAllister, son of Mrs. Walter H. McAllister and the late Mr. McAllister of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The bride-elect was graduated from Murray State College where she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Mr. McAllister, a graduate of Ohio State University, is a member of Sigma Phi Upsilon fraternity. The wedding will take place March 26 in the College Presbyterian Church in Murray.

Nichols Pained Over Passing Of Circus Fat Lady

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — I was pained to learn of the passing, of my favorite circus fat lady.
Her name was Lotus. She was big in the right places, but also, in the wrong places. The fat, who

Killed by Gift Gun



POUCE BLAME an "almost impossible" accident for death of Sally Wood (above), 25-year-old employee of the secret National Security agency in Washington. She was killed by blast of a 12-gauge shotgun she purchased for a Christmas gift. Police theorize she loaded the gun, placed it on a card table, then jostled the table, knocking gun to floor. In falling, price tag caught trigger. (International)

was past 50 when her end came, trailed a caboose as big as the train which carried her around the country.

I would have written about her years ago, except that I just learned how to spell hippopotamus. She died at the Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey winter quarters in Sarasota, Fla., where the two-ton pachyderm had been retired several years ago when she started to go blind and to creak from the miseries of old age.

The big girl, when she was able to kick up her ziny toes and waddle around the hippodrome track, was the darling of millions, young and old.

Across the many years, she, trouped with the great and the near-great of the circus world. Emmet Kelly, the famous sad-faced clown, never passed her quarters that he didn't stop and give Lotus a friendly pat on her big snout. The sad man always managed a smile for Lotus and he said that Lotus seemed to smile right back.

It was the same with the trapeze people, the high-wire people, the cowboys and ever the tough roustabouts.

The hippo spent her salad days with the Al G. Barnes Circus. Al was the first circus man ever to train a hippo to trip through the sawdust and follow the rest around the track at the opening and closing.

The fat girl, with jaws powerful enough to break a man in half, never harmed anyone. She wore the tab of a lady giant among the herd of the several circuses for which she worked and generally was tabbed as a "glamor girl." She was that, in fact, in a chummy sort of way.

Dr. Bill Mann, director of the Washington zoo, who is probably America's number one circus fan, also felt the loss of a friend.

Lotus, he said, was a very unusual hippo. First, she loved to travel. But most remarkable of all, she obviously liked people. Instead of displaying a surly hippo resentment of the crowds of humans that always surround her, she thoroughly enjoyed being a circus star.

Everybody is missing the fat girl, said Dr. Mann. And that's for sure.

Passengers Name Is Shortened

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HAWK WATCH

By BRANNON BIRD

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I was in the yard now.

I thought the place was deserted till I moved around the boxwood.

In the wisp, leaf-strewn grass something straightened and peered at me, like a woodchuck that had been startled by a sound it can't identify. It was a tiny colored woman, gnarled and ancient as the old apple trees back the lane and with a face as wrinkled as their fruit.

She was a faded blue scarf tied around her skull and knotted in front, and one thin hand had a crooked grasp on some twigs that looked brittle like the bony fingers. The other hand kept a tight grip on her apron gathered into a pouch that held more twigs. And the black coat and the checked apron I could see a purple cotton dress that reached the ground.

She was standing quiet, partly bent, peering to the left of me with cloudy eyes like an old dog's. I nodded but she went on looking past me and I realized she was as blind as the windows of the house.

"How do you do?" I saw her finch. "I was taking a walk and I came out the lane. Who lives here?"

"Who is you?"

"You wouldn't know me. I'm just out for a walk."

The black leathery face was reaching for me. "Who is you, you don't know Mr. Anson Metcalf?"

"Cricket, quit talking to your..."

The girl came around the corner of the house and stopped, staring as if she were looking at something she'd never seen before. She had nothing on me.

She was tall and awfully young, probably not eighteen, with dark honey hair tied back with a ribbon. She had on leather-fronted shooting pants and a tight-fitting wine colored suede vest over a yellow short sleeved shirt. The pale hazel eyes were deep-set and lighter than the hair and the small nose looked as if a sculptor had, on second thought, reworked and refined the nostrils and bridge, spreading the form with his thumbs into the planes of the wide cheek bones, leaving the nose rather turned-up and almost too sensitive for the width of face.

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Shah Straightens Out Diplomats

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — What's new in Washington?
When the Shah of Iran was our guest, several problems arose. First, the State Department sent out a press release spelling it "Shaw." That was withdrawn before any careless editor let it get into print.
Next, the high command among our diplomatic corps let it be known that the Shah's bride, who

is 22 and as lovely as anything out of the picture books, should be addressed as "The Empress." The Shah knocked that one over by referring always to his lady as "Queen."
A dinner was held for the visiting royalty. Flown here were exactly 73 trout from our best streams in the West — enough to feed 73 persons. Exactly 73 persons showed up. The hostess was a little uneasy. What would have happened if 74 persons had shown up. Or if somebody had asked for seconds?

John Foster Dulles, the secretary of state, who is co-owner of a private airplane, went deer hunting at Duck Island on Lake Ontario. The secretary got himself a huge buck. Dressed down the deer weighed 250 pounds. Dulles' pilot, who took the deer home as a present from the boss, will have venison instead of turkey for Christmas — with some left over for Easter.

The new Congress, which will be coming in shortly, will find some of the same old trapping that have been around for a long time — particularly on the Senate side. Nobody has used snuff in the Senate for more than 20 years. But faithfully at the start of each session, the help fills two metal boxes. One on the Republican side, the other on the Democrat. Once in a while, a senator will stuff some of the snuff in an envelope and take it home for a souvenir.

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CLARE BOOthe LUCE, America's ambassador to Italy, is shown in Trieste wearing the Gollardie cap bestowed upon her as an honor by Prof. A. Ambrosino, Trieste university president. The cap makes her an honorary freshman. (International)

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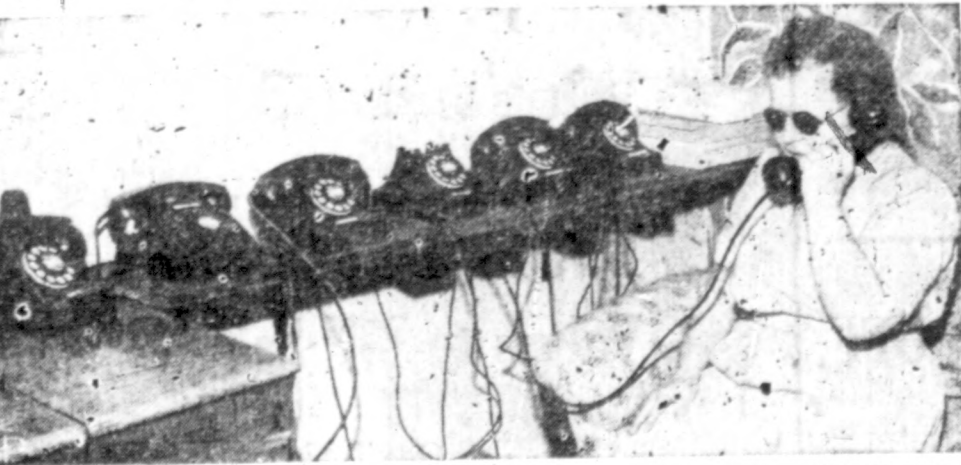
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BLIND, SHE ANSWERS 29 DIFFERENT TELEPHONES



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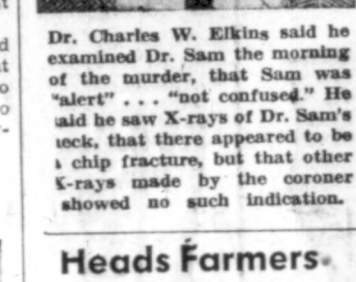
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HAWK WATCH

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SYNOPSIS While photographing a hawk migration in the mountains of West Virginia, a professional fessman, Charles Crutcher, learns that some one is trying to catch a hawk for a prize.

CHAPTER SEVEN

It was a sunny day with Indian summer haze hanging between the ridges. With a little searching I found what I thought was the shell of the mountain where the eagle landed yesterday, over a mile air line southeast from where I stood. I tried to judge where the square black mark on the topographic map had indicated a house. Then I climbed in and pulled the Jaguar onto the road.

I let it roll down the slope toward the narrow valley. As I rounded a curve on the side of Third Hill I came to a mailbox on the right. It was at the entrance to a single-width road or lane, using the terms loosely, running south into the trees along the mountain.

I got out and walked over to the mailbox. It was rusty and there was no name on it. What I'd first thought was a tree snag smothered in honeysuckle was an old brick column or square pillar. It had two iron pintles where a gate had hung. The gate and the other brick pillar had disappeared. The lane was soft looking with leaves floating in black water in its ruts and I knew I'd hang up if I tried to take the jag over it.

I got my right wheels off the paved road, which meant blocking the entrance to the lane. There were tracks from tires going in or out but from the looks of the place they might have been someone using it for a turn-around. I looked the ignition, decided I didn't want to show up around here with binoculars so I put them in the rear compartment and locked it. Then I started along the lane, and rounded it to the house.

The house was of crumbling old brick with shutters at the lower windows, that had once been painted white. The small panes of glass looked opaque black with reflections of yellow leaves in them. There was no veranda, just stone steps and a paneled door once white like the shutters and, above it, a fanlight that seemed to grow like a graceful, delicate fungus. It was damp under the trees and cold as a cave on a not day, but because of the yellow leaves it wasn't dark. They were everywhere, above and underfoot and some had sifted down apt clung to a giant, straggly

boxwood that must have been as old as the house. I was in the yard now. I thought the place was deserted till I moved around the boxwood. In the wispy, leaf-strewn grass something straightened and peered at me, like a woodchuck that strains for a sound it can't identify. It was a tiny colored woman, gaunt and ancient as the old apple trees back the lane and with a face as wrinkled as their fruit. There was a faded blue scarf tied around her skull and knotted in front, and one thin hand had a crooked grasp on some twigs that looked brittle like the bony fingers. The other hand kept a fixed grip on her apron gathered into a pouch that held more twigs. Under the black coat and the checked apron I could see a purple cotton dress that reached the ground.

She was standing quiet, partly bent, peering to the left of me with cloudy eyes like an old dog's. I nodded but she went on looking past me and I realized she was as blind as the windows of the house. "How do you do?" I saw her finch. "I was taking a walk and I came out the lane. Who lives here?"

"You wouldn't know me. I'm just out for a walk." The black leathery face was reaching for me. "Who's you, you don't know Mr. Anson Metcalf?" "Cricket, quit talking to your..."

The girl came around the corner of the house and stopped, staring as if she were looking at something she'd never seen before. She had nothing on me. She was tall and awfully young, probably not eighteen, with dark honey hair tied back with a ribbon. She had on leather-trimmed shooting pants and a tight-fitting wine colored suede vest over a yellow short-sleeved shirt. The pale hazel eyes were deep-set and lighter than the hair and the small nose looked as if a sculptor had, on second thought, reworked and refined the nostrils and bridge, spreading the form with his thumbs into the planes of the wide cheek bones, leaving the nose rather turned-up and almost too sensitive for the width of face.

She had a slender waist, broad shoulders, long legs and arms that all showed structural details a little too clearly—too thin and kid-dish for a luscious shape but the kind of lanky figure with small, high breasts and angular pelvis that sporting clothes hang on nicely.

Her right hand was lean as a boy's, the other I couldn't see. It was cased in a huge glove like a hockey gauntlet. On the stiff leatherer fast, hooded in a funny little tufted cap, sat a hawk about the size of a crow. Seeing her under these primeval trees, standing there in her leather vest, with a leather pouch hanging from a shoulder strap and holding the falcon as if it were something she did every morning about this time, I was somewhere in middle Europe around the fifteenth century.

Her lips weren't very full, which added to the boyish look but the mouth was large and the light eyes together with those cheekbones gave her a sort of feline expression. She wasn't beautiful but I had the idea her face would have a certain piquancy if she ever smiled. Right now, she wasn't doing it. I could see it was going to be up to me to make conversation. "Are you Mr. Metcalf's daughter?"

"He's my brother." Her voice was husky as if it hadn't been wasted on many words. "I'm on a camera holiday." I tapped my Leica. "You lane looked interesting so I just kept walking. Would you let me take a picture of that falcon? That's what it is, isn't it?" "It's a tercel." She said it as if I ought to know these things. "Is that a kind of falcon?" "It's a male peregrine. A female would be called a talon." I gathered it was like calling a female dog a dog—or inverse. "You like to get him in sunlight if we can find a spot," I said. She seemed a little more relaxed now get were talking about the hawk and said she would put him on his block. I had no idea what that was but I walked around to the back of the house with her pale hand eyes were deep-set and lighter than the hair and the small nose looked as if a sculptor had, on second thought, reworked and refined the nostrils and bridge, spreading the form with his thumbs into the planes of the wide cheek bones, leaving the nose rather turned-up and almost too sensitive for the width of face.

She gave me that odd defensive look again. "There are just brother and I. And Cricket." The girl crossed to something in the yard. (To Be Continued)

ONE FOR THE (TRUMAN) BOOKS



FORMER PRESIDENT Truman is all smiles as he chats with Pennsylvania's Governor-elect George M. Leader (left) and New Jersey's Gov. Robert Meyner in Philadelphia. The occasion was a dinner for benefit of Truman library. (International Soundphoto)

Kim Novak
Hailed As
New Beauty

By VERNON SCOTT
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HOLLYWOOD — In a city of eye popping beauties, none is more beautiful than a blonde Kim Novak, a youngster who is being trained for stardom with more care than Calumet's famed stable grooms its thoroughbreds. No cuts with a built-in wiggle. Kim's aristocratic manner has moguls at Columbia Studios rubbing their hands with glee. They're bringing her along slowly, dedicated to making her the biggest movie star in Hollywood. The studio's last top-notch was Rita Hayworth. Twenty one year old Kim bears no resemblance to

the ex-Moslem princess. She's soft spoken, naive as a puppy and with out a collection of ex-husbands.

Chicago Born Kim, born Marilyn Novak in Chicago, appeared for lunch dressed in plaid slacks, a black sweater and her hair up in curls.

"I just had it done," she explained, pushing a bobby-pin in place. "They changed the color to fluorescent blonde for my new picture. Usually it doesn't have this much platinum in it."

She studied the menu and then looked from the studio publicist to me through long, dark lashes. It's difficult to take your eyes from Kim's face.

"Usually people want me to talk about sex appeal and boyfriends," she began, "but I don't know much about being sexy and I don't have any regular boyfriends. You've got to feel sexy to be sexy—and I haven't given it much thought."

Reminded that she was a beautiful girl, and that beautiful girls usually are endowed with sex appeal, Kim shook her head.

"You don't have to be beautiful to be exciting. And I've known lots of pretty girls who aren't attractive to men. Besides, this business about my being beautiful is a matter of opinion."

Acts Passably

To date Kim's classic features have been recorded in "Pushover" with Fred MacMurray, "Pitt" with Judy Holliday and Jack Lemmon and "Five Against the House" in which she co-starred with Guy Madison. She acts passably for a newcomer, the experts agree, but it will take a few years for her acting to catch up with her looks. Her studio has steered her away from the usual "starlet" routine of pinup pictures and the nightclub circuit. She doesn't need it.

Another thing everyone asks for, measurements, she went on in her low-pitched voice. "My bust and hips are both 37 and my waist is 23 inches. I guess that isn't ideal, but I'm satisfied with what I've got."

And so is Columbia Studios.

New Type Hearing Aid Introduced

NEW YORK — A new type of hearing aid hidden in a pair of horn-rimmed eyeglasses was introduced today.

It costs about \$265 and comes in a number of color combinations, with or without jewels. Leland E. Rosemond, president of the company that developed the new listening device, said it might answer the complaints of seven million hard of hearing Americans who do not use present hearing aids.

The new gadget looks like any pair of heavy-rimmed eyeglasses, but the hollowed out frame contains wires, transistors, transformers and other parts. The microphone, usually worn on the chest, is in the frame directly behind the ear.

All 200 parts found in a conventional type hearing aid are assembled in the eyeglasses and all wiring is invisible, Rosemond said. The hard of hearing persons who have spurned hearing aids because of "false pride and vanity" should have no objection to the new device, he said.

But more important, he added, the eyeglass hearing aid eliminates common complaints about clothing noises that bother the hard of hearing who wear microphones on their chests.

"This feature is exceptionally important to hard of hearing people who wear starched uniforms—doctors, nurses, barbers, waitresses, to name a few," Rosemond said. "Starch acts like a sound barrier and creates harsh noises caused by friction of normal body movement."

Rosemond said the new device is powered by a tiny battery about the size of a dime. It lasts about 180 hours and costs about 40 cents, he said.

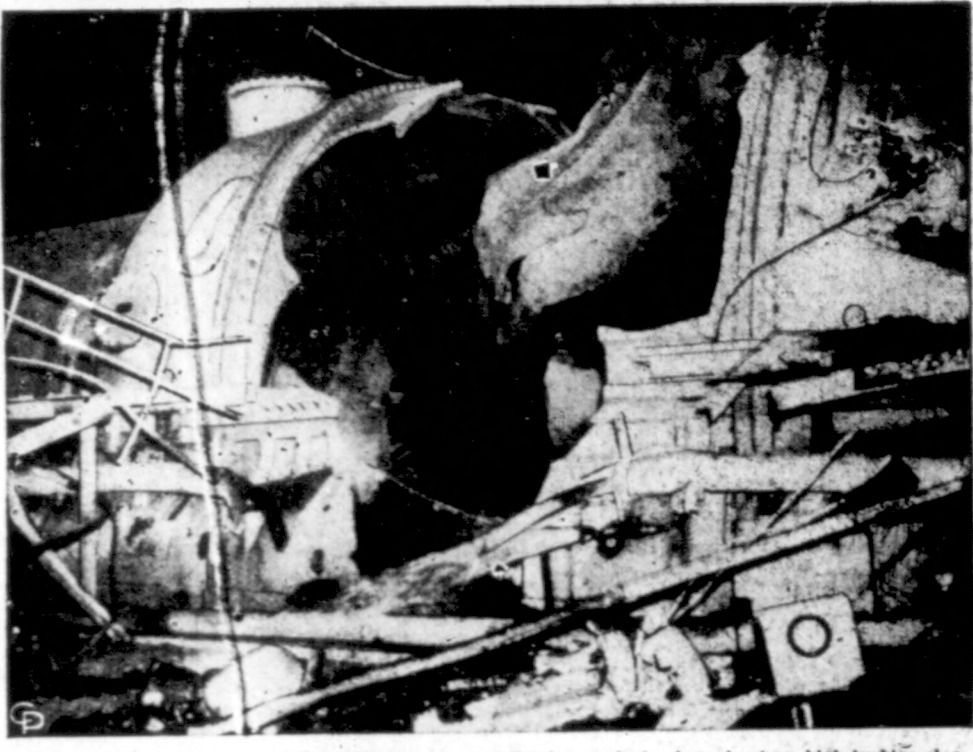
A person does not need to have poor vision to wear the glasses, Rosemond said. For those with good eyesight, plain glass will be installed.

Kin In Red China



Dr. Wei Yuan Huang, 33, a research fellow in Chemistry at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., is one of the 35 Chinese scholars whose repatriation is demanded by the Red China government in return for the release of 11 U.S. airmen. Dr. Huang said he is anxious to rejoin his wife and family in Hong Kong but that he is not a Communist.

TWO KILLED, \$10,000,000 DAMAGE IN EXPLOSION



HERE IS PART of the estimated \$10,000,000 damage following explosion in a six-story-high turbine electric generator of Commonwealth Edison company in Stickney, Ill., just outside of Chicago. The blast killed two men, injured five. (International Soundphoto)

HAWK WATCH

SYNOPSIS
While photographing a hawk migration in the mountains of West Virginia, two professional lensmen, Charles Crawford, learns that some one is trying to kill a hawk. He goes to the spot where he has seen an eagle in flight and comes upon a dead hawk. He is shocked to find that the hawk is a female, and that it is a hawk. He is shocked to find that the hawk is a female, and that it is a hawk.

CHAPTER EIGHT

IT WAS an urn-shaped piece of wood about twice as large as an eggplant, streaked with droppings, stuck vertically in the ground on a peg. The girl took the hooded falcon from her fist. There was a tinkling sound as she set him on the flat top of the block, where his enormous yellow feet with their dark talons curving like a surgeon's needles grasped it as if he were perched atop a big lotus blossom. I saw that he had tiny brass bells on his legs. There were leather thongs around each ankle and these were attached to the snap swivel of a leash the girl had been holding. Without unfastening any of them, she tied the other end of the leash to a ring anchored to a hoop around the perching block.

Once there, the falcon waited patiently. The girl removed the glove from her left hand, which was less tanned than the right, and upturned the laces of his hood and took it off as gently as if she were removing a baby's bonnet. The hawk blinked his dark eyes a few times and ruffled his feathers with a rattling sound that somehow gave him a contented air. With his hood off he was a money. He fixed me with his dark brown eye set in a light circle, seeing in me something strange to his world. I noticed that his upper beak was notched near the dark end as if the sharp point had been honed down even sharper. His slaty head was wide and his face had markings like black mustaches that drooped down from his cheeks. The buff throat patch extended well back behind the ears like a napkin tied around his neck with his mustaches hanging down over it. It gave him the appearance of a trencherman all set for a feast. His back and wings were slaty gray and his underparts were mottled with black or Van Dyke brown markings, shading from the unmarked buff throat and breast to the barred "pants" on his legs. "That beak looks vicious," I said.

"They never use their beaks to strike," the girl said in her low voice, "but don't get near his talons." She was making soothing sounds at him that I found strangely fascinating myself. Kneeling here beside the girl, it was unreal, it wasn't in this day or age. The unintelligible cooing words were doing their work on me as much as on the hawk. There was something hypnotic about it, also something wrong. Then I realized I had a feeling that someone was watching us.

On the lowest level of the rear

porch, just at the edge, crouching with his head low, the largest Doberman I'd ever seen pinned me with his yellow eyes. I could have sworn he hadn't been on that porch when we came around. If he had growled I'd have felt a little better, but he just crouched there, black as death and perfectly motionless. It was the girl's reaction as much as the Doberman's attitude that got me.

She didn't turn her face, but her whisper reached me—Don't move—and then to the Doberman: "Luger, don't you dare." It was a command as loud and firm as she could make it but I could see it run off the dog like a drop of water. His shining muscles bunched but he stayed there, cocked, the long chestnut-colored muzzle pointing at me like a gun. The girl started walking toward him, slowly, carefully, like an attendant approaching a demented patient that has got loose. I kept my eyes fastened on the dog's and felt the girl getting closer to him. At the edge of the porch her hand went down with painful slowness and the fingers slid under the choker chain around his neck.

That did it. His lungs brought her off the porch but she stuck to him. I started toward them. "Stay back. He'll kill you."

That did it. The look of him I believed her. He was on his haunches now with his forepaws off the ground, leaning against the chain collar and snarling with a gurgling, strangled sound through a row of teeth like a log saw. "Luger, No." She pulled at the collar with both hands and managed to drag him, his nails scratching across the porch floorboards, toward a door. She opened it and forced him in. As she slammed it shut she muttered, "Black devil" at the outside panels of the door.

She came toward me, looking at her hands. I saw that the chain had torn the skin on two of her fingers and they were bleeding. I reached out and took her hand. "Sorry I caused you to get hurt," I said. "You were very brave."

She drew her hand away from me and sucked the wound. "Shouldn't you put something on that?" I asked.

She shook her head and frowned. "He won't okey me."

"He's your dog?"

"He's brother's."

"Did he name him Luger?"

She nodded, sucking her hand, and turned to the falcon. It had evidently been frightened off its perching block during the excitement. Now it covered as far away as the leash would reach.

She crossed to the bird in a few strides. "That devil's made him tame. If he's broken any pinions I'll . . ."

"Made him what?"

"Bate. Dive off his block."

She knelt down with the strange

cooling sound and very gently slipped the hood on him and tied the drawstrings. Then she examined first the wings and then the tail feathers, spreading them gently as if they were something very precious.

"He's not hurt but he'll never let you take his picture on the block."

"I want him on your arm anyway. Where can we get some sunlight?"

"I was going to exercise him in the orchard."

"Fine," I said.

"He probably won't do well, upset like this but I'll try."

"Sweet," I said. "But before we go, is your brother home?"

"Yes."

"I'd like to meet him."

She looked as if I'd asked to see Elizabeth II at 7:45 in the morning. "I'll have to find out if he'll see you."

She went into the house through the same door she'd used for the Doberman. I walked around the hooded hawk and hoped I wouldn't see any more of Luger, ever. I lit a smoke. There were several small outbuildings on the slope above the house, back toward the lane. In the other direction, I could see where the driveway curved around and went on through the trees.

It seemed to be taking her brother long enough to make up his mind. I looked up at the small paneled windows and wondered which part of the house he was in.

After a while she came out and closed the door behind her.

"Brother regrets that he will be unable to meet you this morning."

It sounded so polite I had the feeling I was being shown off the place. He had his cheek for a young kid but it was his home and that was that.

"I'm sorry, too," I said. "Get your falcon and let's go."

She led the way along the flagstone walk that passed the outbuildings. They had wire netting over the windows.

"More pets?" I asked.

She didn't answer.

Some hysterical white hens flapped off the window sills as we approached, disappearing into the dusty gloom inside. In a runway attached to the second building several large pink-eyed albino rabbits came to the wire and twitched their noses inquiringly. It was nice to find something around this place that wasn't a bunch of nerves.

"Do you keep your falcon in one of these pens?"

She looked annoyed but all she said was "No."

I had to walk faster to keep up with her. I couldn't see why my seeing some rabbits and chickens should upset her but if she didn't want to talk about them I wasn't going to make her.

(To Be Continued)



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